

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract on page 57 with the following amended abstract:

A front light includes: a light source [[102]], a light guide plate [[101]], and a plurality of prism-shaped lenses, [[106]] each being in contact with a lower surface of the light guide plate [[101]]. A cross-section of each of the prism-shaped lenses, in a plane perpendicular to the side surfaces thereof, has a shape of equally-sided trapezoid. An obtuse angle Φ_{out} of the equally-sided trapezoidal cross-section and a critical angle θ_c for the total reflection of the prism-shaped lenses satisfy the relationship of $90^\circ < \Phi_{out} \leq 90^\circ + \theta_c$. When the light emitted from the light source [[102]] enters the prism-shaped lens [[106]], the light is allowed to be reflected at a side surface defined by side-edges of the trapezoidal cross-section and thereafter exit through a lower surface [[106b]]. Thus, the light can illuminate pixel electrodes in a liquid crystal panel from a direction normal thereto. ~~Thus, light utilization efficiency of the front light can be improved.~~